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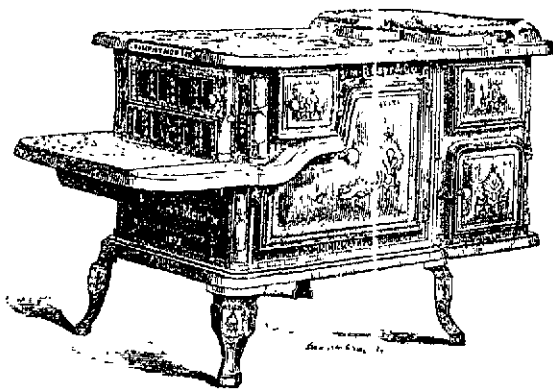
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March 23, 1883 d&w

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Having taken the room lately occupied by the Decatur National Bank, NO. 13 WATER STREET, and having remodeled and refitted the same, have opened a Full Stock of

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—AT THE—
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—ON—
TUESDAY,

—AND—
WEDNESDAY

—AND—
THURSDAY,

April 24, 25 and 26,

For the benefit of the

ST. JAMES GERMAN

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Admission, 10 cents.

March 23, 1883 d&w

J. B. BULLARD,

—AND—
UNDERTAKER

—AND—
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Mr. Bullard will always keep in stock the best of everything pertaining to the Undertaking business, with cheap prices to correspond. He makes a specialty of Embalming and preserving the features of the dead. He will also take charge of the funeral service in his line. The latest hearse and carriage are always ready for prompt service at low prices. An attendant is on duty night and day, and all orders by telephone will receive prompt attention.

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The Daily Republican.

TERMS.
Per week, payable to Carrier, 15 Cts.
One year, in advance, \$7.00
Six Months, " 3.50
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MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1883.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

WALK in and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at

R. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.

My residence, corner of North Main and King streets, is for sale. Possession could be given in 60 days from date of sale.

March 1-d&w

SMOKE Sutter's "Golden Belts."

"HIDDEN HAND" to-morrow night.

Revival services this evening at the Presbyterian and First M. E. churches.

The cherry trees are in blossom. The rain of Saturday night gave vegetation a fresh start.

For Confirmation Suite go to John Irwin's, near postoffice.

10-d&w

This rain blizzard of to-day is most-unwelcome. A freeze now would play hob with small fruit.

The Chicago Whites got in 5 runs and the Watch Factory club 0 in the contest at Springfield Saturday afternoon.

Before buying a Confirmation Suit, call and see John Irwin, near postoffice.

April 10-d&w

FRYER L. VANCE, a general merchant at Niantic, made an assignment on Saturday last.

Contractors say it will cost \$2,000 to fix up the opera house in the manner proposed.

You will find dark suits for boys at extremely low prices at John Irwin's, near postoffice.

Apr. 16-d&w

Removors from the southern part of the state are to the effect that small fruit is "all right up to the present time."

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT will deliver gasoline in five gallon lots.

Apr. 20-d&w

The members of the Decatur Gun Club will engage in a glass ball shooting contest to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the usual place.

Another invoice of Wilson Bros. Panama Shirts just received at John Irwin's, White Front, P. O. block.

Apr. 13-d&w

Last week two of Samuel Powers' horses disappeared from the stock farm north of the city. It is thought that perhaps they were stolen.

Call for Schroeder's hard to beat Bohemian cigars sold at a nickel each by all leading dealers.

May 31--coming the "Mendota Carpenter," Captain Wilson. He will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Four Years with Sherman," at the opera house, under the auspices of Duham Post, G. A. R.

Buy your gasoline of Ferguson & Dillehunt, No. 13 Water St.

Apr. 20-d&w

This region to-day has been visited by a mid-winter rain and snow storm which continued for several hours. The temperature was quite chilly at noon. As we go to press more snow is falling, and it is the 23d day of April!

This H. C. Lintner new close carriage is now owned by Caldwell Bros., making three fine equipments at that first-class rate.

Apr. 23-d&w

R. S. GILSON, Mt. Carmel, Ill., says: "I have never heard a customer say that Brown's Iron Bitter does not do all claimed for it."

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Pastor Black preached an hour and twenty minutes at the Christian church Sunday evening. The protracted meeting at this church will be continued through the present week. Preaching by Rev. Black to-night.

The cigar makers of this city presented a petition to their employers, asking for an increase of \$1 per thousand, to commence on the first of May. The request was granted without any hesitation.

Apr. 12-d&w

Now is the accepted time to secure real bargains in the celebrated Haines Bros' pianos, which famous instruments can only be obtained in Decatur at C. B. Prescott's in opera block.

Buy the Ferguson Vapor Stove of Ferguson & Dillehunt, No. 13 Water St.

Apr. 21-d&w

The proprietor of Coup's circus has sued the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Co. for \$100,000. The cause of the suit was an accident that happened to the circus while en route from Cairo to Vincennes last August. As a result of the smash-up creditors of Coup made a run on the concern, and he was compelled to go out of the business.

Give Niedermyer's handy grocery store on the mound a call for fresh butter, vegetables, canned goods, etc.

J. W. TYLER offers fine harness at extremely low figures at his shops south side city park. See him before purchasing elsewhere.

Just received at John Irwin's White Front a large line of genuine imported French Lisle and Balbriggan Underwear.

Apr. 13-d&w

There will be a fine lot of fresh garden truck on sale at Stokely & Penfold's grocery store in opera block to-morrow morning.

The popular "Blower" hand made, clear Havana filler, five cent cigar, is made by Keck & Weigand, East Eldorado street, who also manufacture the famous "10-er" and "Key-stone" cigars.

Feb. 20-d&w

WINDOW GLASS of all sizes at Ferguson & Dillehunt's, No. 13 Water street.

Apr. 13-d&w

TELEPHONE Caldwell Bros. for carriages for weddings, parties and funerals. Three magnificent turnouts, and plenty of single rigs and gentle horses.

Apr. 23-d&w

The green 8-cent postage stamp which goes out in October will have had a run of 13 years. It succeeded the short-lived blue design which came after the reds. Postage stamps began in 1841 with a 5-cent issue bearing the portrait of Franklin and a 10-cent stamp with Washington's picture, and a second series with five denominations—1, 3, 5, 10 and 12 cents—came out long afterwards.

B. STINE takes measures for Wilson Bros' Shirts.

I pay cash for household goods of all kinds.

G. P. HART, upholsterer.

Apr. 23-d&w

WARRANTED to fit—the Wilson Bros. Shirts for sale at B. Stine's.

Feb. 20-d&w

Sample Monuments.

Busy Scenes at John Strohm's Establishment—A Six-Ton Block for a Rustic Monument.

A large crowd of curious city and country people gathered in the yard at Mr. John Strohm's Marble Works on the corner north of the tabernacle Saturday afternoon to witness the interesting proceeding of swinging a ponderous six-ton block of "Elliottsville" from a derrick to the ground by means of a derrick. The operation was one of considerable interest, because it was a difficult undertaking and because so large a block is not often brought to Decatur. However, the "heavy weight" was successfully lowered, and the spectators departed after viewing the many handsome marble monuments in the yard and shop. A reporter went inside the shop and found a large corps of skillful artists busy at work chiseling and polishing monuments of various sizes and beautiful designs, ranging in price from \$100 to \$800 each. The management of the works is in charge of the proprietor, Mr. John Strohm, and his son, Mr. Ed. Strohm, and the business of the establishment is deservedly in a flourishing condition. Only first-class work is turned out at prices that cannot be duplicated by any firm in the larger cities. Persons wishing the more expensive monuments to place in "cities of the dead" need not go away from home. They can be accommodated by Mr. Strohm, who is prepared to furnish the finest monuments at a saving to purchasers of from 20 to 25 per cent.

The "Elliottsville" block alluded to above, which is 12 feet long and 3 feet in diameter, is to be transformed into a shapely rustic stump, with four polished shafts for inscriptions. It was ordered by William Stitt, and will be placed on the Stitt burial lot in the Old Berlin graveyard, three miles north of New Berlin in Sangamon county. It will be the finest monument in that cemetery.

The Strohm shop is filled with numerous beautiful monuments made to order for parties in various parts of the state. Shipments will be made this week to the following named places: (Geo. W. Conrad, a four-column 5-ton monument, Springfield, Wesley Council, 7 small monuments, Springfield, A. VanGundy, a four-ton monument, Elletts; Mrs. Jane A. Marshall, Jesse H. Potts, Don J. Fugis, W. A. McKinney, P. A. Clements, H. Baugh, T. Butler, Mrs. Mary Ann Burke, Mt. Sterling; Geo. I. Fields, Versailles; A. Bloyd and Mary A. Green, Bhdls; W. B. Manick, L. C. Higgings, W. R. Hule, E. Eldridge, Naples, and W. H. Hitt, a magnificent Scotch granite monument, Jacksonville.

Two More Dairy Sais.

The public sale of 30 cows, four horses and other property connected with the Frank Moser dairy, took place on Saturday last in the presence of a large assembly of buyers. The auctioneer was J. W. Thomelet. The dairy outfit and 10 head of cows were purchased by S. J. Barber and J. W. Barber will succeed Mr. Moser in the business. One Jersey cow, past 2 years old, was purchased by Vigns & Connolly, for \$285. The cows sold at an average price of \$64, and the total amount of the sale totaled \$3,000,70. A credit of nine months was given. Mr. Moser will turn his attention to farming. He has been in the dairy business in Decatur eight years.

Insurance the cardinal of fine horses shipped last Friday night by E. B. Pratt, he has within the past four hours shipped to Leitchfield, Ill., 10 carloads of horses—113 head, costing, delivered there, between \$800,000 and \$100,000, for which the railroads and Illinois farmers have received the benefit. The money paid for them here amounted to nearly \$75,000 above, and the expense of delivering them at their destination has cost over \$17,000. This is undoubtedly the largest shipment of horses in the length of time ever made from a western state.

The run of Saturday evening kept away the crowd which might have participated in the roller skating festival at the tabernacle. T. T. VanAlban had to "dig" for the possession of the building, though he had engaged it a week ahead. He had a nice party notwithstanding the dampness, but he would have taken in a good-sized lump of cash had the weather been favorable. Verily, "Van" is an unlucky man, but he won't give up.

Three Superb Carriages.

The enterprising firm of Caldwell Bros., proprietors of the large lively stable on West Main street, have purchased the magnificent new close carriage, lately owned by Harry C. Lintner, and they now own three of the finest carriages to be found in the west which will be let for weddings, parties and funerals on application. Caldwell Bros. also have the best and most complete line of single rigs to be found in Central Illinois, and their horses are all gentle and rapid runners. Many noticeable changes have recently been made out the stable, which is now second to none in Illinois outside of Chicago. Telephone Caldwell Bros. for carriages and buggies.

Apr. 23-d&w

There are 30 young ladies and girls regularly employed at the Alexander Knitting Factory in the Shaffer building north of the tabernacle. A reporter was shown through the establishment Saturday afternoon by Mr. Goldberg and Arthur Alexander. There are 20 knitting machines in operation all run by steam, and Alexander socks are made with astonishing rapidity. One of the most expert operatives earns \$5 to \$6 a week, and the others will do likewise as soon as they become more familiar with the machines. The work room is in charge of Mrs. Goldberg, who is the forewoman. The enterprise is no longer an experiment. It is a paying industry that will soon assume larger proportions. Twenty more machines will soon be in operation and then there will be 50 girls employed in the factory.

SATURDAY last Burt Brothers' restaurant was closed by Sherif Foster's satisfactory claim in favor of Peddick & Burrows. The debt will probably be paid without selling the fixtures at a sale. Butler Brothers may retire from business in Decatur.

W. C. T. U.

Attention is especially called to our regular meetings, viz: Gospel meeting at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesdays, and business meeting at 3 p. m. on Thursdays.

M. L. SAKMAY, Sec.

Second hand goods wanted, the highest price paid by G. P. HART, upholsterer.

April 18-d&w

DECATUR CHURCHES.

Confirmation Exercises by Bishop Baltes.—General Notes.

The presence of Right Rev. P. J. Baltes of Alton, Bishop of the Alton Catholic Diocese, in Decatur on Sunday, was a notable event in Catholic circles. The distinguished Bishop, who is one of the most learned and eloquent priests of the church, visited Decatur about three years ago, when he administered the rite of confirmation to a large number of children. The Bishop conducted services at St. Patrick's church during Sunday forenoon, and at about 12 o'clock one hundred and eighty boys and girls, all becomingly attired, were confirmed by the Bishop, assisted by the local priests, Rev. Mackin and Rev. Laamert, and three Franciscan priests from Quincy. The ceremony was made very impressive and was witnessed by a vast assembly of people.

During the afternoon 60 young people were confirmed by the Bishop at St. James' German Catholic church, in the 4th ward. Bishop Baltes was escorted from St. Patrick's church to St. James by the Hibernian cornet band, the A. O. H. Society, the Benevolent Society and the children, the imposing procession being one of great length. On the way to the church the band rendered several enlivening selections in a very creditable manner. Bishop Baltes departed to-day for Arcola.

The services at each of the Protestant churches were well attended during the day. At Stapp's Chapel a special revival service was held at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. Harrison, and a number of converts were received on probation.

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Rev. Mrs. Gibb, of Charleston, Ill., will preach in the Universalist Church, this city, next Sabbath, April 29th, morning and evening. The members and friends of the church and the people generally are invited to attend.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Eunis and family will arrive in Decatur from Florida in a few weeks.

Theron A. Powers is home from Memphis, Tenn. The papers of that city sing the praises of the Powers string of horses.

John L. Adams arrived home Saturday from a business trip through the south. He has our thanks for two of Friday's Memphis papers.

Mary Anderson will sail for Europe in May, and will visit France, Germany and Italy prior to her opening her engagement in London, September 1. Miss Anderson will be accompanied by her mother, brother and stepfather.

H. F. Clark, superintendent of the Springfield division of the Wabash, who was in Decatur the other day, is quoted as having said: "I will be glad to see a decent looking street car at the platform waiting for passengers." Our informant says the Citizens Company will fill the bill.

The Verdict of the Jury.

Coroner Bendure held an inquest on the body of the late George Arthur Smart at Bullard's undertaking rooms Saturday evening, April 21. The following was the verdict:

We, the undersigned jurors, sworn to inquire of the death of George A. Smart, on oath do find that he came to his death by accidentally falling under a train of cars whilst the same were in motion at Sangamon Station, four miles east of Decatur, at nine o'clock and ten minutes a. m. on the day first above written, and that he died at 10:30 a. m. in Decatur on the same day. Deceased was a good railroad man and died bravely in the performance of his duties. His last words were, "Good-bye, boys, I am done railroad." Now send me to my mother."

We, the jury, find the above to be the facts in the case, after examining five witnesses of the accident. Dr. Cass Chenoweth with the deceased for forty minutes preceding death, which was caused by the crushing of the abdomen and back. Edmund Baublen, foreman, Floyd Bradley, James Heaton, William Warren, W. C. Bullard, John W. Hartley. The remains were expressed Sunday night to Lindsay, Ontario, for burial.

The Sunday edition of the Lafayette (Ind.) Leader contained a column and a quarter write-up of Mr. Freely B. Caldwell's street railway enterprise at that place. The Leader describes it as "one of Lafayette's streaks of good luck," and then goes on to tell what Mr. Caldwell has done and will continue to do. Work on the line will commence this week. The flat rail will be used.

The Comedy Drama.

A new version of Mrs. Southworth's great work, "Hidden Hand," will be presented at the opera house to-morrow evening by the Whitley dramatic and comedy company. A LaCrosse party, after speaking of Miss Vernon, Mr. Wentworth and the other actors in a flattering manner, says:

The third act was largely given up to the specialties of Messrs. Oglesby and Marion. The first named hasn't an equal traveling as a dancer, high kicker and contortionist. In the latter presentation the most astounding make-up ever seen on the Opera House stage. Half an hour was given to this feature of the evening and the audience clamored for more. The following scenes of the play were acted with considerable spirit, Miss Vernon as Capitola being the leading feature, and Mr. Oglesby as Wool adding his full share to the hilarity of the audience. The performance in the first two acts was some interesting and entertaining, and amusing to the highest degree, and Mr. Whitley ought to make a pocket full of money out of his venture.

Admission, 35, 50 and 75 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

DIED.

Tuesday, April 10, 1883, near Ida Grove, Iowa, of membranous croup, little CLAUENCE EARL, youngest son of David A. and Ida M. Wilson, aged one year, four months and eleven days.

On Monday, April 16, 1883, near Ida Grove, Iowa, of membranous croup, GEORGE STEVE, only child of David A. and Ida M. Wilson, aged five years and eleven months, little boys have been laid to rest in the silent city of the dead, covered with soil made sacred to parental hearts by the tears of grief shed at their little ones' graves. The deepest sympathy is manifested for the bereaved parents in the loss of the loved ones so full of hopes to those who loved them as their darling children, and whose bright smiles and childish prattle were the sunbeams of a happy family.

No fairer flowers to grace a home
E'er fall to leave that home in glory.
No fairer children to parents given,
To link a father's chain to heaven.

M. I. G.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who have relatives in this country, formerly residing in this section. Their many friends will be grieved to learn of their great affliction.

City papers please copy.

Mr. OLIVE COAL, the purest and cleanest in the market, to be had only at Yennigerholz's yard.

March 15--d&w

News Notes from Points Round About us Near and Far.

Monticello Odd Fellows will celebrate on Tuesday and visit Decatur on Thursday.

Louis Palmer, son of ex-Gov. Palmer, has been appointed to a cadetship in the United States Navy.

Petitions are being circulated to secure funds for boring for coal in Jacksonville. It will require \$2,000 to ascertain whether coal in quantities sufficient to pay for working can be found there.

John Hendrickson, of Logan county, loaded a car on Monday for Dakota. Among other things he took a bushel of butterbeans six bushels of walnuts, 500 repleant roots, 3,000 strawberry plants, 1,000 blackberry plants and 6,000 trees.

Mr. J. W. Robinson, of Normal, returned a day or two ago from southern Kansas, where he has been engaged for a month past in looking after the spring work on his farm. He states that the winter wheat looks fine, and the corn is coming up well, and there is a general outlook for good crops. He is so well pleased with his investments there that he recently bought several hundred acres at prices ranging from \$25 to \$40 per acre.

Danville Commercial: Col. W. P. Davis, of Grape Creek, has returned from a tour of inspection in Dakota Territory. He is not prepossessed with what he saw. That two very important things that section of the country lacks—timber and water. That there is more timber between Danville and Grape Creek than there is in all Dakota. The water is plentiful and of better kind than found. He thinks they can raise wheat, not corn. It is well enough for those desiring to go west to be fully posted.

A curious incident of election day at Eureka was that almost every day-laborer in town was hired for that particular day by anti-license men, and it is alleged that some of them were informed that unless they voted the anti-license ticket they could have no more work. The election was a close one and as a result there is a great deal of talk and a probability of a contested election, owing to the peculiarities of some of the anti-license voters. The only anti-license trustee elected had a majority of two votes and the anti-license clerk had a majority of one vote. Among the anti-license voters were several students of the college who were sworn in; also a Christian minister who in his great desire to have the anti-license ticket "beat there Eli" (with a big E) forgot that he had not been in this county sixty days and made oath that he was a legal voter here, and by the aid of his brother-in-law, who appeared as a witness for him got his vote in. They will very likely pay their respects to the next grand jury, as the license people are very indignant.

Updholstering.

The Boston Upholstering company of 37 North Main street, are turning out some of the best work required by our citizens. Now, if you have anything in their line, you will do well to give them a call and examine prices and goods. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Apr. 21-d&w

DIED.

At Harrisburg, on Sunday, April 22, 1883, of general debility, Mrs. MARGARET DRANSON, aged 53 years.

Near this city, on Saturday evening, April 21, 1883, PERRY CALVIN, aged 50 years.

The deceased had been ill but a week with pneumonia. He made his home on the Bloomington road, a short distance beyond the city limits. He was the father of Miss Oka Calvin, a teacher of one of the country schools. Mr. Calvin lost his wife about a year ago. The remains were sent to Paris for interment.

For Sale.

My residence property on South Union street near Macon. Lot 60x192 high and dry. House 1½ story, eight rooms, one pantry, six or seven closets, good dry cellar, good barn and other conveniences. Also two nice lots on West Prairie street, and horse and family buggy.

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I. S. KAUFMAN.

Kid Gloves.

A large line of the very latest shades of Tan and Terra Cotta just arrived at John Irwin's White Front.

Apr. 13-d&w

When convenient, please call at our well arranged and attractive store. You will receive polite attention from gentlemanly salesmen as are employed by any mercantile establishment in the United States. Will you come? We'd honestly be glad to see you.

CHEAP CHARITY.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Closing Quotations at W. W. Wilson's Commission Rooms, at 1 p. m. To-day.

CHICAGO, April 23.

WHEAT—\$1.11 April; \$1.12 May; \$1.14 June; \$1.15 July; \$1.16 Aug.

CORN—54¢ April; 55¢ May; 55¢ June; 56¢ July; 56¢ Aug.

OATS—41¢ April; 42¢ May; 42½¢ June; 43¢ July.

